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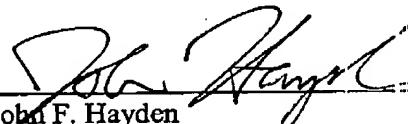
Claims 2-28 are pending in the application with claims 2-8 being independent.

The specification is objected to for a minor grammatical informality. The specification has been amended to overcome this objection. No new matter has been added.

Claims 2-28 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Yamazaki. Applicants respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimer filed with this Reply pursuant to 37 CFR 3.73(b) and 37 CFR 1.321(c) is sufficient to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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